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THE CITY COUNCIL.

Interesting Session of the Municipal Legislators.

Mr. McMillon Replies to the Mayor's Veto Message.

He Accuses His Honor of Misrepresenting Various Facts.

The Park Boulevard Matter Discussed—Street Work Ordered—Reports of Officers—General Routine Business.

The City Council met in regular session yesterday morning at the usual time and place, every member present, and after the usual preliminaries had been disposed of the following routine business was transacted:

A brief message from the Mayor, returning the ordinance "changing the names of certain streets, etc.," for amendment, in accordance with the request of the member from the Ninth Ward, was read, and upon motion of Councilman Rees the vote by which the same had been adopted was reconsidered. The ordinance was then amended by the insertion of the words "New York street," in the fifth line of section 1 thereof, and upon motion of the same member the ordinance was readopted.

The Mayor's veto message with reference to the appointment of commissioners in the matter of the opening of Sixth street, which was published in THE TIMES on Saturday last, was then read, and upon motion of Councilman Alford the vote by which the ordinance had been adopted was reconsidered.

MR. McMILLON ON THE MAYOR. The following communication was presented by John McMillon, one of the commissioners for said street, and after being read was ordered placed on file:

To the honorable the Council of the City of Los Angeles—GENTLEMEN: I feel it my duty to reply to a paper of Mr. Hazard's long-winded veto on the appointment of N. E. Davidson, John Morfitt and myself as commissioners to appraise the damages and assess the benefit, etc., in the opening and widening of Sixth street from Pearl street to the west line of Galpin tract. I will be as brief as possible under the circumstances, therefore will not waste the part of it as mere stuff not worth notice, but will say that if any one or all the commissioners had been allowed to do their office we will take pleasure in showing you, or any other person, just what we have done, how long we have worked, and what we have received for our services. As for his Honor, the Mayor, I don't think he could understand anything about it any way—there would be no political "bumming" in that, you know. We feel sure you, or anybody, would be satisfied that we are trying to do about what is right, and nearly succeeded, when all the expenses had been taken for street purposes have been received and all money paid out on the several streets widened, etc., a report will be made to the Council.

The Mayor apparently wishes to convey the idea to your honorable body and the people that we have drawn and are drawing salary for all the time we have been in the street, covering a period of about thirty-two months, only \$2164, being about \$68 per month, is a sufficient answer to his insinuation.

Mr. Hazard says that "in a former attempt to open this same street a charge of \$800 was made." That much is true, and the Council approved the charge, it is evident that it thought the same just.

He says: "There were no improvements to be damaged, no houses to be removed, simply the computation of what ten small pieces of property to be taken for street purposes was worth." That is not true, and he ought to know it as it is a matter of record.

The facts are, that there were five buildings to be cut or moved, as well as Dr. Bryant's house to be moved and two houses to be condemned and taken off the property, also a stable to be cut or removed. The benefits to be assessed to pay the damages and expenses had to be spread over all the property on both sides of the street from Pearl street to the west line of Galpin tract, and the property on Ward street, covering a period of about 20,000 feet.

All this is recorded in the City Clerk's office, from which can be secured a copy of the Mayor's order to the true statement of facts. But this veto message is only on a par with nearly all his previous vetoes.

Does the Mayor ever come before or consult with the Council in regard to what would be right or just, and the correct way to get up any ordinance? No. But when an ordinance is presented for his signature he takes eight or ten days, which is allowed him to fix his signature, in getting up a long veto message, maliciously constructed and worded, so as to endeavor to pull the wool over the eyes of the people, that they might think him their guardian and savior.

It seems to me after reading his message and a number that have preceded this one that Mr. Hazard willfully and maliciously misrepresents the case at hand, or is grossly ignorant of the facts, or thinks he can bulldoze the Council into believing that the work is done, and that the city is certainly unbecomingly a gentleman occupying so high a position in this municipality.

Most respectfully, JOHN McMILLON.

One of these Commissioners.

STREET MATTERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Alford the ordinance was readopted, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor.

The City Clerk reported, presenting final ordinances for the sidewalk of Banker street between First and Fourth streets, and the paving of Alameda street, between First and Aliso streets, over which matters the Council acquired jurisdiction on Feb. 26. Both were adopted.

He also called attention to the fact that Milken had not yet signed his agreement with reference to the zanja water, approved by the Council on February 16, and that the Los Angeles Consolidated Electric Railway Company had neglected to sign its agreement, approved on February 8.

The matter was referred to the Zanja Committee.

The Street Superintendent reported as follows:

In accordance with the recommendation of the City Attorney, which was adopted by your honorable body some weeks ago relative to the establishing of rules in this department governing the moving of houses along the public streets of the city, I herewith furnish you with a copy of the rules for your approval.

Referred to the Board of Public Works.

In the matter of the sewer now being constructed on Fifth street I have to report that at the intersections of Los Angeles street and at West street no provision has been made for the laying of the pipe across Fifth street at these intersections.

The pipe should be laid before the street is paved, and I would recommend that some one be employed at once or have the contractor lay this pipe and save the street from being torn up when the sewer is laid on Los Angeles street and Wall street.

Referred to the Sewer Committee.

ASSESSOR'S DEPUTIES.

A communication was received from the Board of Fire Commissioners asking that section 91 of the fire ordinance be amended, and action thereon was postponed for one week. An earlier one, with reference to the proposition of Blaisdell & Sprague to erect an engine-house on Belmont avenue, was referred to the City Attorney without instructions.

The report of the Supply Committee, recommending that the bid of the W. H. Perry Mill and Lumber Company for the supply of lumber to the city be accepted, was adopted.

Upon motion of Councilman Rhodes the Street Superintendent was directed to notify the property owners to remove all obstructions from the alley between Seventeenth and Eighteenth and Main and Hill streets.

A recess was then declared until 2 o'clock p.m.

Afternoon Session.

The Council met at 2 o'clock promptly with President Boushall in the chair and a quorum present.

The City Engineer reported that he

Works, as published in THE TIMES on Saturday last, was adopted as read.

Councilman Summerland called up the Chavez street matter at this juncture, and upon his motion the City Engineer was authorized to procure the necessary abstract of title in accordance with the offer of F. A. Gibson, of the Los Angeles Abstract and Title Insurance Company.

The report of the Finance Committee and the accompanying batch of demands were approved as read, with the exception of the demand of A. P. Cross for \$2421.33 for street sprinkling for the month of February, which was laid out of the regular list.

Councilman McGarry objected to its approval on the ground that Cross had failed to comply with the terms of his contract, but in spite of his objection the demand was approved by a vote of 8 to 1.

CEMENT PIPE SPECIFICATIONS. Upon motion of Councilman Alford the matter of the communication of Frick Bros. et al., asking that certain specifications with reference to cement pipe be adopted, was taken from the committee of the whole, and J. E. Frick then addressed the Council on the question of the adoption of certain specifications which would provide for the construction of cement pipes for sewers instead of vitrified pipe.

Councilman McGarry vigorously opposed the proposition, saying that it would be a retrogression on the part of the city to adopt the specifications, as the new style of vitrified pipe was perfection as compared with that proposed by Mr. Frick, and in his opinion it would be a great mistake to adopt it.

Councilman Innes asked whether or not the member from the Second Ward was an expert on pipes, which Councilman McGarry responded that he was expert enough to know that the acids in the sewer matter would eat into plain cement, whereas it did not affect vitrified pipe at all.

Upon motion of Councilman Rees the specifications were referred to the Sewer Committee and City Engineer.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. The City Attorney's report was read and disposed of as follows: In accordance with your instructions I have prepared and herewith present the following ordinance:

An ordinance for the opening of Sixth street from Maple avenue to Peru street. (Adopted.)

An ordinance appointing commissioners for the opening of Third street between Main and San Pedro streets. (Adopted.)

An ordinance requiring the Building Superintendent to require the descriptions of property upon which buildings, additions, etc. are to be erected and requiring him to furnish a statement of the year's permits to the City Assessor. (Adopted.)

An ordinance repealing ordinance of intention to pave Third street and abandon proceedings thereunder. (Adopted.)

In the matter of the petition of J. E. Frick regarding the paving of Third street, which the City Engineer is pressing, I must ask for one week's further time in which to answer the same. (Granted.)

Five motion upon a resolution of intention to widen Washington street between Maple avenue and San Pedro street. (Adopted.)

In the matter of the thirty-five feet asked for by the Board of Education, I suggest that the matter be referred to the City Engineer to ascertain whether such thirty-five feet would include any graves. (So ordered.)

MOTIONS. Councilman McGarry moved that Ninth street, from Alameda to Santa Fe avenue, be "roaded up" by the Street Superintendent. Referred to Board of Public Works.

Councilman Summerland moved that the Street Superintendent be directed to road up Wilhardt street at an expense of not to exceed \$50. Same referred.

Upon motion of the same member the City Clerk was directed to advertise for land in not less than ten acre tracts for a pest-house.

Councilman Summerland's motion to the effect that the Street Superintendent be directed to fill up a hole in front of No. 2108 San Pedro street, was referred to the Board of Public Works.

Councilman Innes moved that the Board of Fire Commissioners be requested to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Castelar and Ord streets. So referred.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN NICKELL the City Clerk was directed to insert in the annual municipal report the Mayor's message with reference to the consolidation of the city and county.

The report of the Sewer Committee, recommending that the Street Superintendent be directed to issue permits to the people aligning the Workman and Mozart streets sewer to connect therewith, and that the bid of J. L. Mansfield for the north section of the western interception be accepted, was adopted as read.

PARK BOULEVARD. The following communication was received from the Board of Park Commissioners:

To the honorable the Council of the City of Los Angeles—GENTLEMEN: The Board of Park Commissioners, in company with the Mayor and City Engineer, have inspected the proposed line of the boulevard around the city connecting the various parks, and consider the proposition eminently a desirable and feasible one, and would respectfully invite your honorable body to appoint some day in the near future to pass over and personally inspect the proposed line.

Upon motion of Councilman Innes the invitation was accepted, and on Thursday morning, March 10 next, was set as the time.

The report of the Zanja Committee, recommending that the bids for the old lumber in the flume of zanja No. 2 be rejected, was adopted.

Upon motion of Councilman Rees the Superintendent of Buildings was instructed to carefully examine the Tononi Block, on the corner of Upper Main and Ord streets, with reference to the security of its condition.

The contract with Peter Keenan for the piping and fluming of zanja No. 2 was approved and referred to the Mayor for signature on behalf of the city.

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had prepared a map defining the original lines of Soto street, between Stephenson and Louisiana avenues. Referred to the Board of Public Works.

The City Engineer reported an ordinance of intention establishing the grade of Crescent avenue, between Temple and Boston streets. Passed under suspension of the rules. Also an ordinance of intention establishing the grade of Pasadena avenue from the bridge to the north city line, which also passed.

The City Engineer reported that the cost of proposed improvements on Soto street, between Brooklyn avenue and Sheridan street, exceeded \$2 per foot, and presented an ordinance for the improvement of the same under the bond act. The rate of interest was fixed at 8 per cent., and the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules.

The City Engineer presented an ordinance of intention to improve Fourth street, from Figueroa street to Lucas avenue, which passed under suspension of the rules; also an ordinance of intention to sidewalk Twenty-fourth street, between Main street and Maple avenue, which was referred to the Board of Public Works.

An ordinance of intention, establishing the grade of Center Place, between First and Second streets, passed under suspension of the rules.

The City Engineer reported that the cost of paving and otherwise improving Olive street, from Fifth to Pico streets, with bituminous macadam, will exceed \$2 per front foot, and presented an ordinance of intention to that effect. Referred to the Board of Public Works for one week.

WISCONSIN'S BUSINESS. The California Ice Company was granted permission to run a pipe line to the river to dispose of surplus water. The pay roll of the Street Superintendent's office was approved.

President Boushall moved that it is the sense of the Council that the cable and electric railway company should come to some agreement by which the electric cars should have the right-of-way coming down the steep grade of Second street, at Second and Broadway, the cable company to have the right-of-way in other places.

Councilman Innes moved to amend by placing a flagman at the intersection. Councilman Tufts thought that all cable cars should come to a full stop where the electric and cable lines cross, at Broadway and Second streets, thirty feet from the crossing, and offered an amendment to that effect.

Councilman Tufts' amendment was adopted, and the motion as amended passed.

Councilman Nickell called up the Park boulevard matter, and moved that the vote by which it was agreed to go over the proposed route Thursday

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The San Bernardino Times-Index is down on Congressman Bowers' latest scheme to ameliorate the condition of San Diego, as witness the following:

Senator Bowers has introduced a bill in Congress to compel the citizens of San Bernardino county to go to San Diego instead of Los Angeles to try cases before the United States District Court. Bowers is successful in his little game of pitch and toss he will have done an injury to the people of this county, as it costs twice as much for traveling expenses to go to San Diego as it does to Los Angeles, and much valuable time. Bowers made a showing of coming to this county to see what the people wanted. We would like to know what man recommended such a scheme. Bah!

The Stockton Mail hits off a recent sad casualty in this city and the subsequent and inevitable action for damages therefor in the following breezy fashion:

In Los Angeles not long ago a cable car started up in a hurry, throwing a lady passenger, who was standing against a door of the car. Now the woman is suing the cable company for \$25,000 for a misplaced liver. She ought to go every cent of it. Just think of the inconvenience of having a liver floating around your system in a miscellaneous sort of way, never knowing for a moment where it may next turn up. A man asks you (as men frequently do): "How's your liver?" All you can reply is that when you last ran it down in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 15 of your diaphragm it had developed great speed in a go-as-you-please sort of way, and was gizzard. Anyone can see that such a condition of affairs is inconvenient and troublesome, and not less than \$25,000 would be any compensation for it. The Los Angeles woman has the Mail's sympathy.

We regret to say that the Mail is all wrong in its premises. It was a kidney, not a liver, that was misplaced, and not, if anything, makes the action more binding. Some people with organs variously out of joint make enough out of the street car companies to keep their other organs all in good working order.

A GENTLEMAN who has been engaged in shipping oranges from this section for years, and who has sent forward a number of consignments this season says he fully agrees with the article in yesterday's Times on the demoralized condition of the orange market. He urges in extenuation of the course adopted by shippers, however, that they really did not know how bad the oranges were. In former years they have shipped fruit a little damaged from wind-whipping, and have secured a small price for it, which was better than nothing. In that case, however, the fruit was palatable and healthful, although a little disfigured as to its exterior. This season much of the fruit of fair appearance is found to be damaged in juices and flavor, and there is no cause to which this can be attributed except the frosts of December. We incline to the opinion that ignorance is no excuse on the part of the shippers. They had abundant chance to taste the fruit and have a turn with the colic before they sent it away. It would rather seem that they hoped to sell the oranges on their fair appearance and pocket the proceeds before the purchasers had tasted them. In this case there is no occasion for wasting sympathy on the sufferers. Let them pay the freight and take the lesson. Meanwhile, it is best to ship no oranges at all to the markets of the West.

The Santa Barbara Press has a well-considered article on building associations, showing the essential differences between the "national" kind and those organized on the "home principle" and conducted by responsible citizens. "The local association is organized on a purely cooperative basis. It is almost entirely without expense. It is managed by men elected directly by the stockholders themselves. Its directors' meetings are held monthly and are open to every stockholder. Its loans are made in open competition, and every stockholder wishing to borrow has the opportunity to obtain a loan. It is absolutely safe. In the past fifty years, since the first building association was organized in Philadelphia, not one has ever failed. The national, on the other hand, is especially organized to operate at a distance, with the sole object of putting money into the pockets of the projectors and officers. No national association has ever matured. Some of the older Minneapolis concerns, where this scheme of enrichment originated, paid off their first series promptly, but later investigations, when they were in the hands of receivers, proved that this was done, not by money earned, but by money constantly coming in from fresh dupes. These associations are based upon an essentially wrong financial principle and it is no more possible for them to succeed, than it is for the notorious Women's Bank in Boston, some ten years ago, which paid 5 per cent. interest per month on deposits. It is a financial impossibility for them to keep their promises made to stockholders. The public should carefully discriminate between the two kinds of building associations."

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"Stop, Thief!"
The Evening Express, always unhappy over what The Times is saying or doing, is just now particularly angry. Its latest grievance is the position ascribed by the editor to us on the water question. The Express might save itself the rapping effect of its own wrath. "Don't worry the cattle!" is a good motto; and equally good advice is "Cattle, don't worry yourselves!"

The position of The Times—its actual, not its alleged, position—on the water question requires no concealment, no defense. As we stand in a thoroughly independent, uncompromised attitude towards the Council, the water companies and all intending investors, known and unknown, we are prepared to consider and discuss on its merits any proposition that is up, or that may come before the house.

Many plans have been projected for handling the water of and for the city. The scheme to have the city purchase the existing plants; to have it erect works de novo; to have the business done by a new company; to let the existing company go on to the end of its contract, and then, by the agreement, surrender its rights and works to the city—all these projects have been touched upon in these columns, and the various persons, projectors and public officers interested have been given an opportunity to present and advocate their views in this journal.

The question of the power of the municipal corporation to possess, own and control the works has been gone into, likewise its expediency—which is a question upon which citizens honestly differ. The rights of the City Water Company have been considered and its conduct criticized. The broad, practical, pertinent question of whether the city has the legal power and the present financial ability to build works, without first disposing of the existing plants, has been traversed in its legal aspects; and, in short, every phase of the water question has been canvassed, either editorially or in letters from the people, in special reports, or in arguments before the Council reproduced in these columns. We have, in brief, endeavored to give all sides a hearing, and we believe we have not failed in this paramount duty of journalism.

When any specific plan for the reorganization of the existing water system and the management of the works comes up for positive action on the part of Council, owners and people The Times will not be found occupying an equivocal position. If the outlined project, for purchase by the city should be crystallized into a proposition to be submitted to a popular vote, and if it can be demonstrated—which we frankly doubt—that the city can safely go into a deal involving the expenditure of from two and a half to three and a half millions of dollars, as estimated by the engineers, then we shall advocate a popular decision of the question. If, on the other hand, a sound plan is offered for the handling of the water works by a responsible new company, which shall be under strict municipal control, required to give the best service at the lowest practicable rates, and be ready to turn over its works to the city upon demand, after due notice and payment, then we shall favor that plan if it seems best, on the ground that it will be better for the city to acquire the works at its pleasure, at an understood price, than to be compelled to invest a large sum of money in them, or in building new ones, before it is ready, and when it might be financially embarrassing to do so.

In any event, whatever plan comes up for action, we shall advocate its open, public and thorough discussion, keeping always in view the chief object to be attained, namely, the supplying of the citizens with good and abundant water at a fair price.

If a good plan is presented and had methods are resorted to in order to secure its adoption we shall oppose it. If bidders come to the front, whether they be private persons, public officials or pretentious "newspaper men," they may expect exposure at our hands. And now what of the carping, stupid-cunning and gopher-like Express? It again has the hardihood to deal in slanders and insinuations as usual. Can it show clean hands and right motives? Can it clear its bedraggled skirts of the suspicion that attaches to the common street-walker in journalism? The sympathetic, office-holding, paps-squealing editor of the Express makes a mistake when he deals in baseless insinuations. Let him beware! He will do well to go slow in casting innuendoes against the journal that he hates with a blind and senseless hatred.

If any rival or opponent of The Times, journalistic or otherwise, dares to challenge the production of inside facts, touching the past or present attitude of Los Angeles newspapers toward the water and other local corporations, in the matter of "jobs," "bribe," or illegitimate demands of whatever kind, let that rival or opponent speak up in many a fashion! The Times has reason to believe who will suffer by the inquiry, and it is ready for the contest.

ACCORDING to statements of San Francisco papers the second-class passenger rate from the Missouri River to San Francisco is \$15. Of this sum the railroads get only \$14.80 in cash from

large share of this class of business. The remainder, \$20.70, goes for commissions for securing the business. The Atchison Company wanted to abolish the commissions and make the rates \$14.30, giving the public the benefit of the low rates, and so stimulating travel. But the other companies in the Transcontinental Association voted the proposition down.

The absent-minded cashier who left out of his safe a tray of twenty-dollar gold pieces amounting to \$10,000, and saved the pot through the good offices of the janitor got off too easy. The next time he tried it with a tray containing \$3000, he lost. There is a moral in this somewhere for absent-minded men, if they will only dig it out.

LETTERS TO THE TIMES.

That "Short Grass Hoivins." To-wit, "The Express."
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 29.—[To the Editor of THE TIMES.] "Look Out for Jobbery!" is the editorial cry of the Evening Express in reference to the water question. It is the old "stop-thief!" yell that we are so familiar with in the case of the "fence" family. The Express asserts that the contract made with the City Water Company in 1868 is valid and binding upon the city—that having been entered into previous to the adoption of the present constitution, it is beyond the control of the Legislature and the Council.

It is good to see that the Express editor is sufficient to perceive the danger which this "water" question presents, and assert what he has heretofore denied. The contract provides that the rates for water shall not be less than they were in 1868. Then the rates were four times the rates now charged by the water company. When the contract expires in 1898 the rates will be four times the rates now charged by the water company. To buy, it must have bonds voted, and it requires two-thirds of the voters to carry a bond proposition. The water company has not hesitated to take a hand in politics and it is not always easy to tell whether the city or the water company is the party in the wrong. Hence it could forever hold the city by the throat. The people want to see this power broken, and the business of supplying water placed under the control of the present constitution, which authorizes the Council to fix the rates every year. Believe the public understanding of this matter will be cleared up by the present issue, and when it is then the rates can be put so low that the property can be purchased at a fair rate. This is the only way out of the difficulty. The water monopoly under the general law, control its operations, and buy its works only when the city is ready.

PRO PATRIA, ETC.

THE BROKEN SAN DIEGO BANK.

The Preliminary Examination of President Collins Tomorrow.

The examination of President Collins, of the suspended San Diego bank, will commence tomorrow. So far as known Mr. Collins has made no attempt to give bail, but has remained quietly at his rooms at the Brewster in charge of an officer, attending to his correspondence and preparing for his trial. From a gentleman who arrived from San Diego last evening it was learned that public sentiment was turning very rapidly against Collins, and it was stated that his chances for furnishing bail are very slim. It is claimed that there is a great deal behind the failure of the bank, and that the secret is that at the preliminary hearing a showing will be made that will create a sensation. Just what the nature of these developments are is not stated, but it is claimed that if the matter goes into all it will effectively stop all talk in Collins' favor, and destroy all chance of his furnishing bail, in which case he will be committed to the county jail to await trial.

On the other hand, Collins maintains a bold front, and says he will have no trouble in proving his innocence of any crime. D. D. Dare, the vice-president of the bank, is in Europe, and when last heard from was sick at Rome. It is not believed he will return to the United States.

The following Associated Press dispatch was received last night:
SAN DIEGO, Feb. 29.—There are no new developments in connection with the affairs of the California National Bank. Atty. Gen. Hart is expected on Tuesday, when a hearing will be held for the purpose of appointing a receiver for the bank. It is reported that Mr. Collins has not yet given bail. It is also stated that a preliminary examination and go before the United States grand jury.

THE NATIVE SONS.

Preparing for the Meeting of the Grand Parlor in This City.

The order of Native Sons of the Golden West now contains over 8000 members and comprises within its ranks a large majority of the active and energetic native-born Californians. Owing to the circumstance that in early days the larger portion of the population of California was located in the northern part of the State the majority of the members come from that section. At the last Grand Parlor, held in Santa Rosa, it was determined that the Grand Parlor should be held at Los Angeles, and the members of the local organization, Ramona Parlor, are exerting themselves to give the visitors a reception worthy of the second city of California. In fact, the progressive young men who have the affair in charge are determined to outdo all previous efforts. Ramona Parlor is composed of about 100 of the best-known citizens of the city, and is organizing their committees and will call upon business men and, in fact, upon all who have the welfare of Los Angeles at heart, to contribute liberally, so that the northern visitors cannot but admit the enterprise and hospitality of the southern metropolis. It has been claimed by some that a proper reception cannot be got up here, but Ramona Parlor is confident that there will be no difficulty in raising the required funds. Its own members have already contributed something in the neighborhood of \$1000.

SWEET CHINESE WEDDING.

The Ceremony Finally Concluded Last Evening After Reception Today.

The wedding of the Chinese bride and groom was held at the residence of the Princess of Sagun. It was a thought-dynasty wedding, and the bride and groom were placed in the doorway by an anachronistic sympathizer. The windows of the Princess' house and those adjoining were shattered, but otherwise no damage was done.

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Chile's Charges Against United States Consul McCreery Forwarded to Washington—Quiet in Berlin—Other Foreign News.

By Telegram to The Times.
LONDON, Feb. 29.—[By Cable and Associated Press.] In the Commons today a bill prompted by the London county council proposing to connect the tramways of South and North London, and which was opposed by the Conservatives, passed the second reading—160 to 158, the result being tantamount to a Liberal victory.

Gladstone, who has just returned from France, entered the House during the proceeding and was greeted with hearty cheers.
DESPOTIC BARILLAS.
A Reign of Terror in Guatemala Under His Rule.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—[By The Associated Press.] The Herald's San Salvador correspondent sends the following: "It is stated here with great positiveness that Gen. Reina Barrios, who some time ago returned from San Francisco, Cal., to run as a candidate for the Presidency of Guatemala, is a prisoner in the hotel where he has been stopping with his family. President Barillas, it is alleged, caused rumors to be spread to the effect that Barrios had determined to prepare a revolution, and was planning to assassinate him. To protect him from this danger the President is maintaining a constant guard of troops around his hotel. Gen. Barrios' wife, who is an American woman, is half crazed with fear that her husband will be murdered."
"Col. Lima, who, it is alleged, failed to carry out Barillas' order to start a pretended revolt, which was to be attributed to Gen. Enriquez, and then fled to a killing, the latter, has, it is said, been whipped to death in the penitentiary. President Barillas, it is stated, is frightened by the idea that he will be poisoned."

FINANCIAL CRISIS IN COSTA RICA.

SAN JOSE (Costa Rica), Feb. 29.—Events during the past few weeks portend a serious economic crisis. The government appears so much impressed with the gravity of the situation that it has suspended for the present efforts to secure loans. The coffee crop is but two-thirds of the amount of previous years' harvests. Much anxiety is felt in connection with the coffee crop, and it is feared several houses will fail.

WAR ABOUT TO BREAK OUT.

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 29.—Dark war clouds are gathering on the frontier, and Guatemala seems bent upon invading San Salvador. Señor Ruino, one of San Salvador's wealthiest citizens, is dead.

CHILEAN AFFAIRS.

The New Warships—Charges Against Consul McCreery Forwarded.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—[By The Associated Press.] The Herald's Valparaiso special says: "The actual condition of affairs relative to the purchase by Chile of warships from Great Britain is that this country has an option until June. One of them is in the Armstrong yards, the other at Laird's, at Birkenhead. It was built for the Portuguese, but not taken."

"The charges against Consul McCreery and Lieut. Harlow, which have been mentioned in cable dispatches, have been forwarded to the United States by mail. Dr. Trumbull has also mailed a statement that McCreery gave out news for which Admiral Brown was blamed about the landing at Quintero Bay."

Distress Among the Poor in Vienna.

VIENNA, Feb. 29.—The authorities of this city have at last been compelled to recognize the urgency of the situation among the poor and now permit Socialistic committees to circulate appeals hitherto prohibited for donations. It is estimated that 8000 shoemakers, 8000 carpenters, 1500 metalworkers, 7000 stone-workers and 2300 unskilled laborers are out of work and much misery exists as a result. As the alleged result of the McKinley law, 12,000 people have been thrown out of employment and are now classed as unskilled workmen.

Hard Times in England.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—It is estimated that 400,000 miners will cease work in a fortnight in their efforts to prevent a reduction in wages. Should the present intentions of the miners be carried out and a strike inaugurated branch industries will be adversely affected, and it is estimated that 1,000,000 men will feel the effects of the struggle. The price of coal is rapidly rising in London, the figures of today showing an advance of 3 shillings a ton above Saturday's rates. The increase will fall heavily on the poorer classes.

Commercial Treaty Negotiated.

PARIS, Feb. 29.—Whitelaw Reid, the American Minister, and Jules Roche, Minister of Commerce, today arrived at a definite agreement for the establishment of a commercial reciprocity treaty between France and the United States.

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More Bomb Throwing.

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Von Moltke's Correspondence.
LONDON, Feb. 29.—The first volume of Count von Moltke's war correspondence is of interest chiefly to students of military tactics. The volume contains 140 letters relating to the Danish war of 1864.

The Skating Championship.
CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 29.—The final races for the world's skating championship between Smart and Hagan resulted in a victory for the latter.

A Buenos Ayres Contestant.
BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 29.—Señor Saenz Piana, independent, will contest the Presidency.

ALL INDICTED.

Members of the Great Whisky Trust Arrested.

They Will Have to go to Boston to Answer Charges of Violating the Sherman Anti-trust Law—How They Take it.

By Telegram to The Times.
CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—[By The Associated Press.] It is definitely known that the Federal grand jury at Boston on February 11 indicted all officers and directors of the Cattle Feeding and Distilling Company (Whisky Trust) for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Today United States Marshal Hitchcock's deputies were engaged in serving warrants for the arrest of the indicted men. The following are the indicted: Joseph B. Greenhut, Peoria, president; Herbert L. Torrell, New York, vice-president; William N. Hobart, Cincinnati, treasurer; Warren H. Corning and Julius E. French, Cleveland; Lewis H. Greene, Cincinnati; Nelson Morris, George J. Gibson and Peter J. Hennessey, Chicago, directors. Hennessey is also secretary. He was arrested this morning.

Word is received from Peoria saying that Greenhut has been arrested and gave bail in \$10,000 to appear in court on Monday next. Hennessey did likewise.

The indictment is of ominous character, making its charges against the officers and directors in a body. It is returned as of date the second Tuesday of December last. The violations are charged as having been continuous since February 11, 1890. It charges that during 1890 the defendants purchased, rented or leased properties of competing distillers, companies to the number of seven. From August, 1890, up to the time of finding the indictment, they controlled the output of these distilleries and sold 66,000,000 gallons at prices fixed by them. This they did unlawfully and oppressively to monopolize distilling and cattle feeding and the manufacture of wines, spirits and whiskies. The indictment then set out the agreements between the trust and Dexter F. Mills, Erastus C. Gaffield and John Joyce, whereby, in consideration of their purchase of trust goods, they were to receive rebates of 2 cents per gallon. The prices charged, the indictment says, were largely in excess of the actual prices at which goods of the kind were sold previous to the organization of the trust. Defendants in so doing, it is alleged, unlawfully and oppressively prevent and contract the effects of free competition on the price of said spirits and did unlawfully exact and procure great sums of money in said district from said Mills & Gaffield, as co-partners, from said Joyce and from divers other parties.

The papers which were forwarded to the Federal authorities in California for service on Morris or he will be allowed to make his way to Boston and give himself up to be admitted to bail. It is understood that the defense officials of the trust will be that they are a regularly incorporated company on a large scale, and are doing business under a charter from the State of Illinois and that one company cannot combine to create a monopoly.

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FOUL CRIME DISCLOSED.

A Rich Mendocino County Man Put to Death by Poison.

A Will Forged for the Benefit of His Supposed Murderer.

Capture of the Latter—His Accomplices to be Arrested.

Other Coast News—An Incendiary Blaze at Modesto—Important Land Decision at San Francisco—The Greenwood Murderer.

